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CH. 18
A TOOTH-BRUSH...
UNDER-WEAR...
Hmmm...
...COME TO THINK OF IT,
AND LOUNGE-WEAR!
WASHIO DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PLAY WITH AT HER HOUSE...
I'LL BRING A DECK OF CARDS!
I THINK I HAD SOME IN HERE...
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THIS...

COME TO THINK OF IT, I GUESS IT WAS AROUND THIS TIME LAST YEAR...
It was in a place like this?
THIS IS THE HAIR TIE I USED TO ALWAYS USE!
THIS BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES!
THAT I CHANGED IT TO THIS...
MOM.
WHERE WAS THE SPARE
FOR THIS HAIR TIE?
It was a 3-piece set, right?
HUH?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS, SO I'LL BUY YOU A NEW SET
THEN BUY ME THE ONE SHAPED LIKE A MUSHROOM!!
From the food series!!

THIS IS GOOD ENOUGH.
WHICH ONE SHOULD I GO WITH?
HMM...
You sure do love collecting these, Mom
All right
I'LL BUY IT FOR YOU, SO PICK ONE OUT FROM ONE OF MINE FOR TODAY
Stare...
IT FEELS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU TODAY, SHIRATORI...
?
...UM, WHAT IS IT?
MORNING, WASHIO!

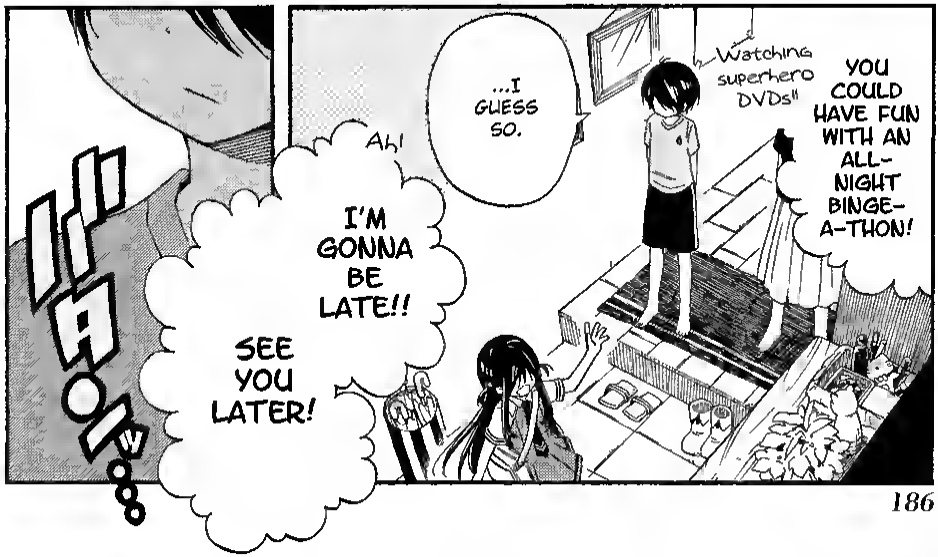
HUH?
YOU LIKE STUFF LIKE THIS, WASHIO?
I'm kinda surprised...
NICE CHOICE!
SO NOW THEY'RE STARS!
AH!
YOU MEAN THIS?
ONE OF THE TIES I WAS USING BROKE ..
BUT
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE IN THE ASTRONOMY CLUB ..
I LIKE ASTRONOMICAL STARS.
I LIKE THAT MORE THAN WHAT YOU HAD BEFORE!
THEY LOOK GOOD ON YOU!

YOU...
..THINK SO...?
...SO THAT WAS
ALREADY A YEAR AGO...

CH. 18★PROMISE

All right,
AFTER SOCCER PRACTICE, I'M GONNA HEAD OVER TO WASHIO'S HOUSE TO SPEND THE NIGHT,
SO I'LL BE BACK BEFORE NOON TOMORROW!
SEE YOU LATER.
BE CAREFUL!
Say hi to Washio-san for me.
I'M NOT GONNA SAY THAT.
I THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA SAY HE WAS COMING TO THE SLUMBER PARTY, TOO...
SERI-OUSLY!
Now that you're in your teens, that'd be...
Geez! Then come with me!!
A sleepover with your classmates? You're gonna be gone for a night? I don't want that.
GRADE SCHOOL YEARS
SO YOU DON'T GET UPSET ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS ANYMORE...
SU-BARU...
Teary

Pout
WHAT ARE YOU SULKING FOR?
Besides, that's normal!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU DO ONE
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'D EVEN TAKE ME ALONG ANYMORE.
WITH ASAKURA-KUN?


Watching superhero DVDs!!
YOU COULD HAVE FUN WITH AN ALL-NIGHT BINGE-A-THON!
...I GUESS SO.
Ah!
I'M GONNA BE LATE!!
SEE YOU LATER!
HAO!

HE MUST BE A GOOD INFLUENCE ON HIM.
After all, he's a nice guy!!
THANK YOU, ASAKURA-KUN!
IT LOOKS LIKE SUBARU
IS STARTING TO IMPROVE IN A LOT OF WAYS AFTER BECOMING FRIENDS WITH ASAKURA-KUN.
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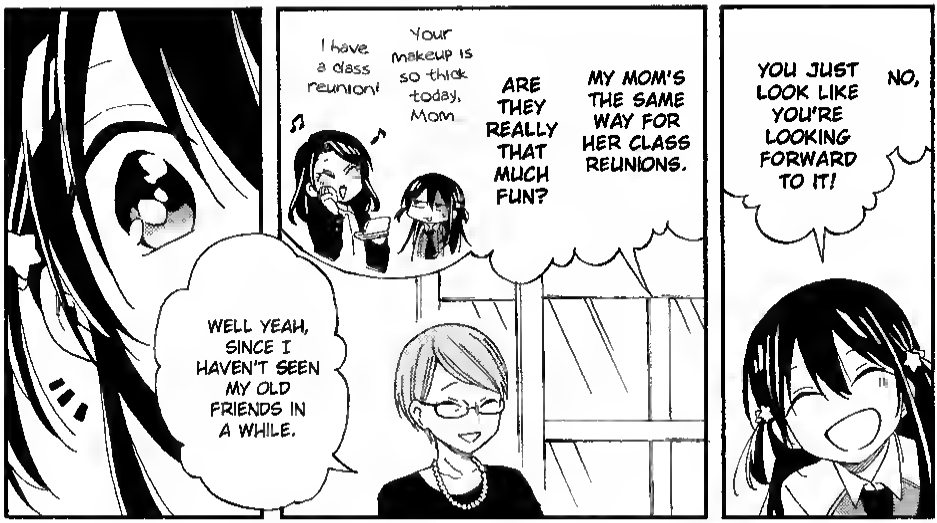
DING DONG
COME ON IN.

JUST COME IN AND WAIT FOR ME.
HM?
WHAT'S IN THAT BOX...?
I BROUGHT OUR NEW MENU ITEM FOR THE SUMMER!♪
WOW!
ALL RIGHT!
I HAVEN'T FINISHED CLEANING YET.
I don't want you to think my house is dirty, after all! My pride is on the line.
PEEK!
WHAT'S WITH THE GLOVES AND MASK?
IT'S OUR FIRST SLUMBER PARTY WITH THE THREE OF US,
SO IT'S GOT ME SO EXCITED!
I FEEL THE SAME WAY!

IN ABOUT 10 MINUTES...
AH!
WASHIO'S MOM!
THANKS FOR HAVING US OVER!
JUST MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME.
SORRY ABOUT THIS. I'LL BE OUT OF THE WAY SOON.
No, it's nothing
My daughter's friends
WHISPER
ANYWAY, IT'S OKAY TO BORROW THEIR FRIDGE, RIGHT?
WHISPER
I DON'T SEE WHY NOT.
WAIT, LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT AFTER WE MEET UP!
THAT REALLY TAKES ME BACK!
NO, IT'S OKAY!
THEN I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
AH!
SORRY, WAS I BEING TOO NOISY?


I have a class reunion!
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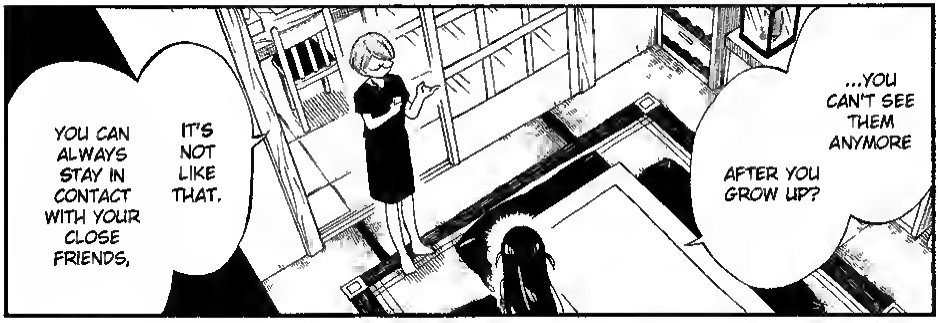
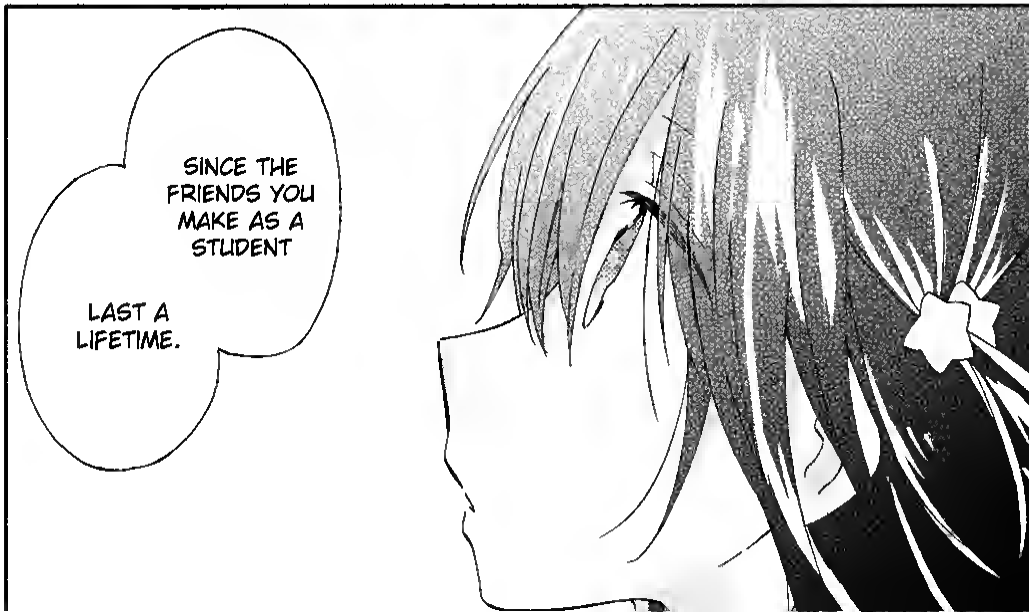
Your makeup is so thick today, Mom
MY MOM'S THE SAME WAY FOR HER CLASS REUNIONS.
ARE THEY REALLY THAT MUCH FUN?
WELL YEAH, SINCE I HAVEN'T SEEN MY OLD FRIENDS IN A WHILE.
NO, YOU JUST LOOK LIKE YOU'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!


...YOU CAN'T SEE THEM ANYMORE AFTER YOU GROW UP?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
YOU CAN ALWAYS STAY IN CONTACT WITH YOUR CLOSE FRIENDS,


SINCE THE FRIENDS YOU MAKE AS A STUDENT
LAST A LIFETIME.

YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE.
I'M LEAVING RIGHT NOW.
HERE,
THIS IS YOUR MAIL FROM TODAY!
HUH?
MOM,
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YET?
I'M ALWAYS TELLING YOU TO GIVE IT TO ME IN THE MORNING...
Umm,
AN ASTRONOMY MAGAZINE...
A GUIDE FOR A FREE LESSON AT A CRAM SCHOOL...
AND...
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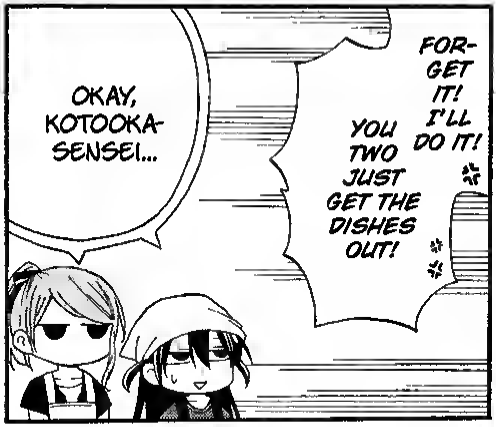
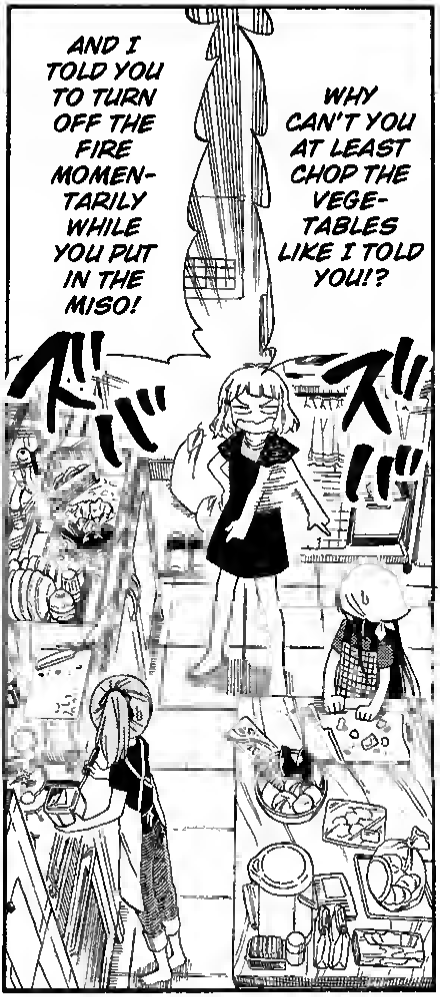
.....?

Have a nice time!
Ah!
I REALLY HAVE TO BE GOING!
JUST BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU COOK!!
THEN LET'S GET TO MAKING
TONIGHT'S DINNER!
YES, KOTOOKA-SENSEI!!
ARE YOU TWO READY?
YOU'RE OKAY WITH CURRY, SALAD AND MISO SOUP, RIGHT?

ARE YOU TWO
STUPID OR SOME-THING!?


FOR-GET IT! I'LL DO IT!
YOU TWO JUST GET THE DISHES OUT!
OKAY, KOTOOKA-SENSEI...


AND I TOLD YOU TO TURN OFF THE FIRE MOMEN-TARILY WHILE YOU PUT IN THE MISO!
WHY CAN'T YOU AT LEAST CHOP THE VEGE-TABLES LIKE I TOLD YOU!?
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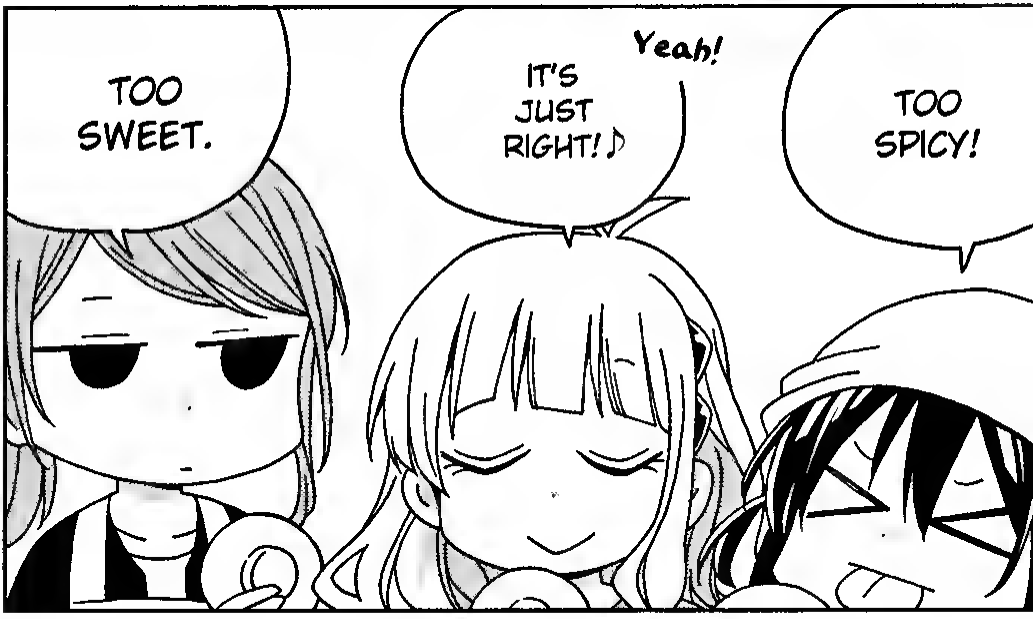
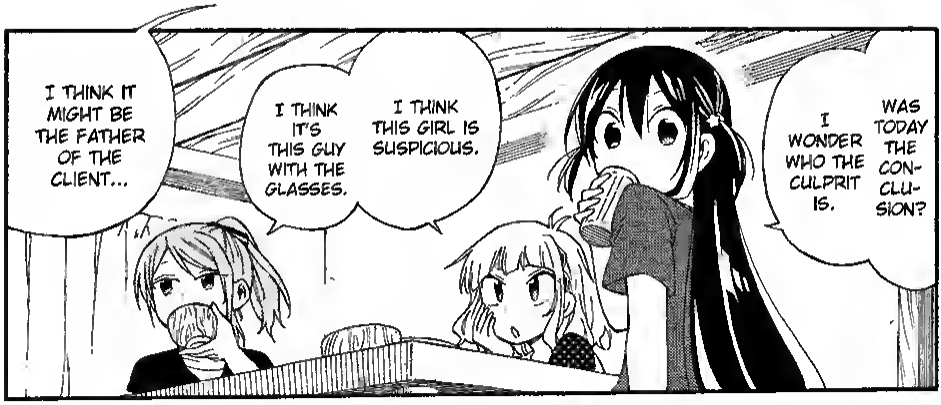
WHISPER
Yeah
...WHAT DOES IT MATTER HOW THE VEGETABLES LOOK AS LONG AS WE EAT THEM?
AND MISO JUST NEEDS TO BE DISSOLVED...
I CAN HEAR YOU!

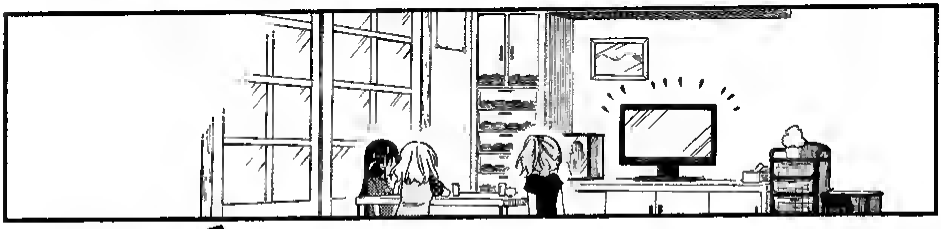
Bib
LET'S TASTE IT...

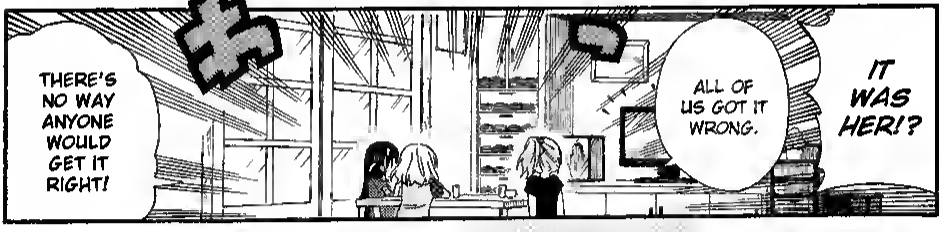

TOO SWEET.
IT'S JUST RIGHT!♪
Yeah!
TOO SPICY!

LET'S DO ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS!
Geez!
Gaaah!
IT'S JUST TOO SPICY!
IT'S TOO SWEET.
IT'S JUST RIGHT!!
LET'S MAKE IT FIT THE TASTE OF WHOEVER WINS!!
Gaaah!

LET'S EAT!
AH, THIS DRAMA SERIES.
I SAID IT'S JUST RIGHT!!
TOO SPICY...
TOO SWEET...


I THINK IT MIGHT BE THE FATHER OF THE CLIENT...
I THINK IT'S THIS GUY WITH THE GLASSES.
I THINK THIS GIRL IS SUSPICIOUS.
I WONDER WHO THE CULPRIT IS.
WAS TODAY THE CONCLUSION?

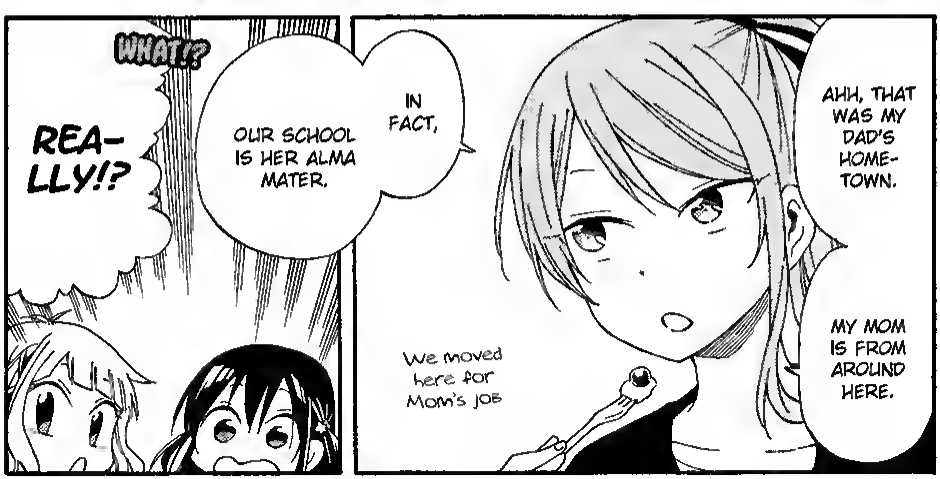


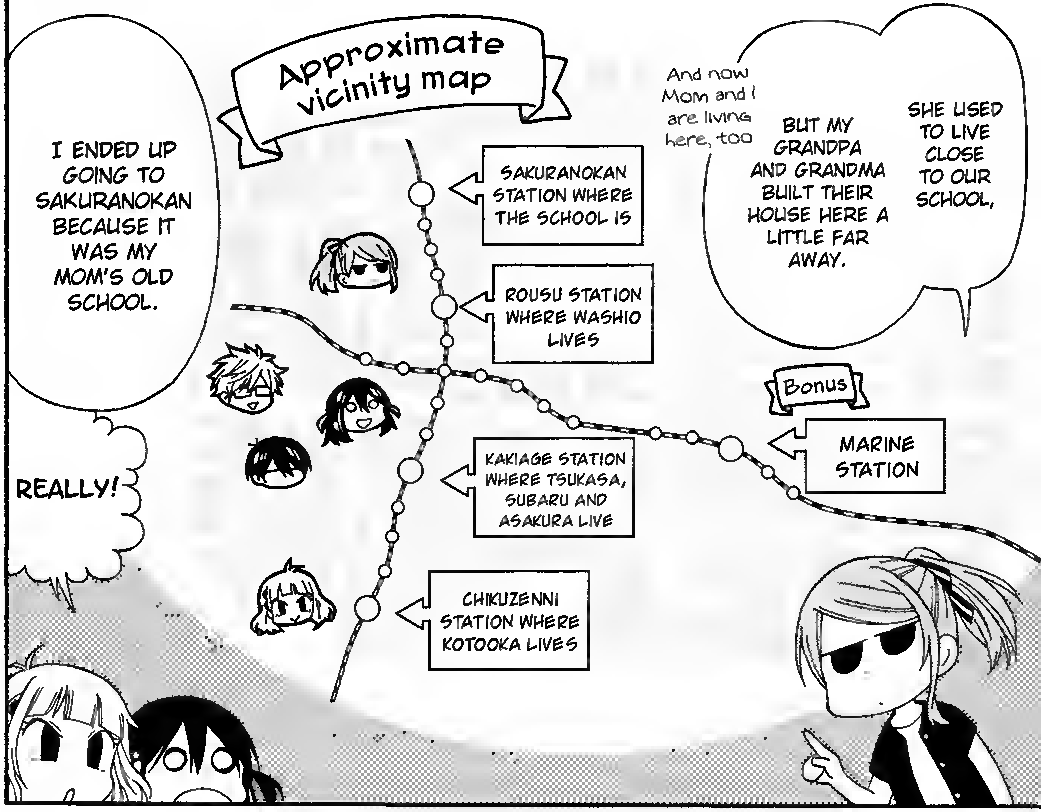

THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD GET IT RIGHT!
ALL OF US GOT IT WRONG.
IT WAS HER!?

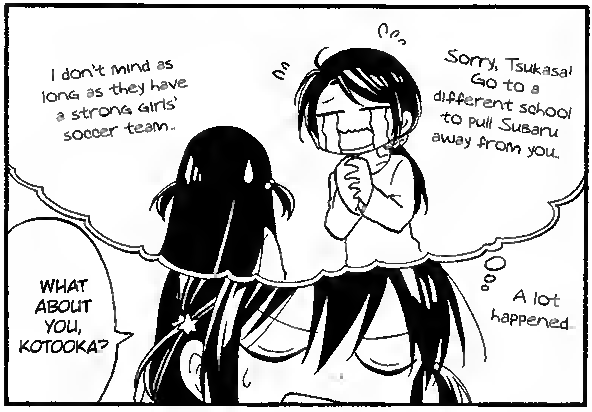
EATING AND WATCHING TV,
HOW ODD. EVEN THOUGH WE'RE JUST
HOW COULD THEY MAKE THE HEROINE THE CULPRIT...?

BY THE WAY,
I WAS WONDERING SOMETHING.
THIS IS A LOT OF FUN.

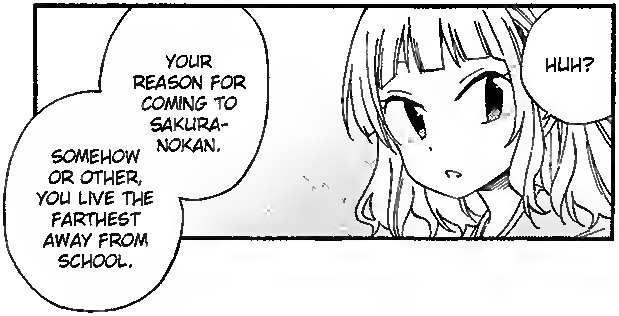
WASN'T THAT PLACE YOUR HOME-TOWN...?
BUT DIDN'T YOU USED TO LIVE PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM HERE?
YEAH.
IS YOUR MOM HAVING HER CLASS REUNION AROUND HERE?


WHAT!?
REA-LLY!?
OUR SCHOOL IS HER ALMA MATER.
IN FACT,
We moved here for Mom's job
AHH, THAT WAS MY DAD'S HOME-TOWN.
MY MOM IS FROM AROUND HERE.


Approximate vicinity map
SAKURANOKAN STATION WHERE THE SCHOOL IS
ROUSU STATION WHERE WASHIO LIVES
KAKIAGE STATION WHERE TSUKASA, SUBARU AND ASAKURA LIVE
CHIKUZENNI STATION WHERE KOTOOKA LIVES
Bonus
MARINE STATION
I ENDED UP GOING TO SAKURANOKAN BECAUSE IT WAS MY MOM'S OLD SCHOOL.
REALLY!
SHE USED TO LIVE CLOSE TO OUR SCHOOL.
BUT MY GRANDPA AND GRANDMA BUILT THEIR HOUSE HERE A LITTLE FAR AWAY.
And now Mom and I are living here, too


I don't mind as long as they have a strong girls' soccer team.
Sorry, Tsukasa! Go to a different school to pull Subaru away from you.
A lot happened.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, KOTOOKA?

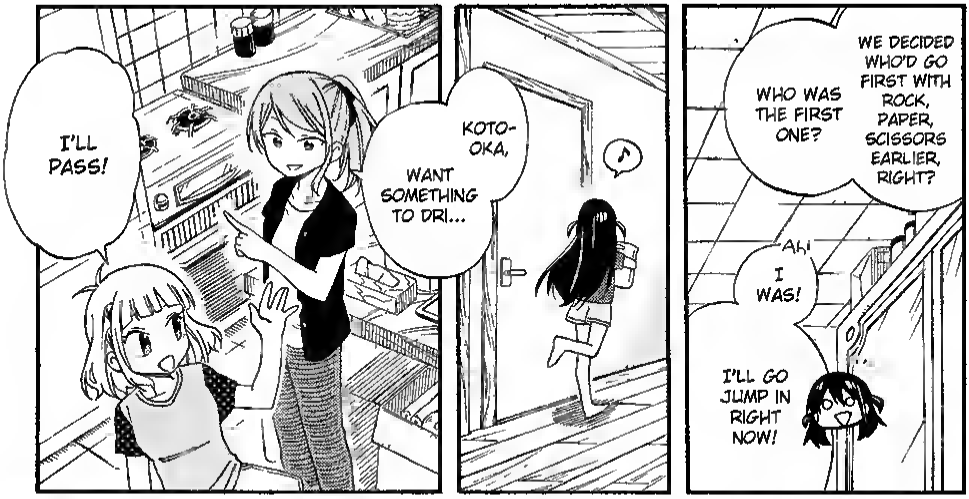
You said Subaru-kun went to a different school because of your parents' educational principles, though.
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE SAKURANOKAN, SHIRATORI?
IT WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE SAKURANOKAN HAD A STRONG GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM.

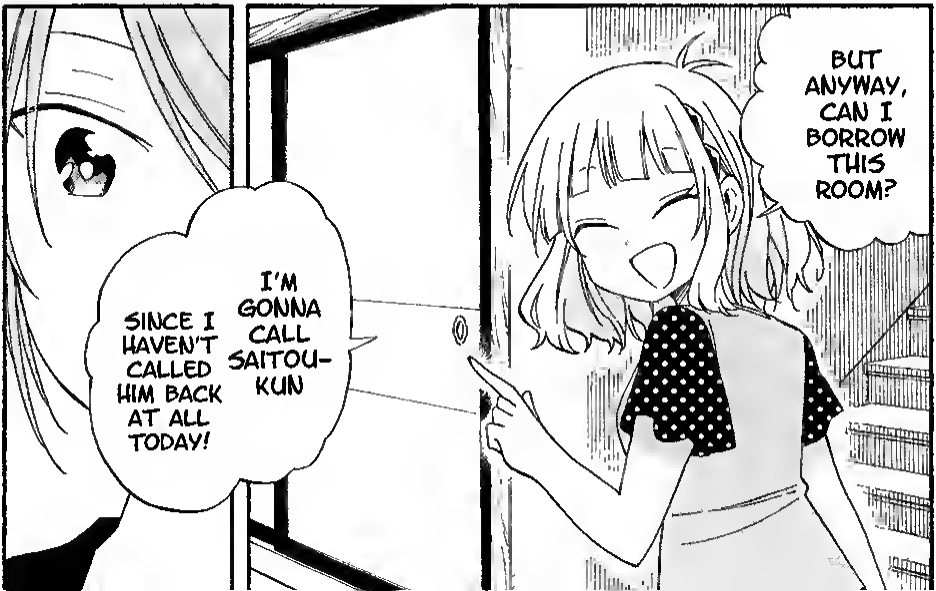

HUH?
YOUR REASON FOR COMING TO SAKURA-NOKAN.
SOMEHOW OR OTHER, YOU LIVE THE FARTHEST AWAY FROM SCHOOL.

...I'M PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS NADE-SHIKO.
MY PARENTS WANTED ME TO GO TO ONE OF THEIR OLD SCHOOLS.
AND SO, SAKURANOKAN WAS MY DAD'S ALMA MATER,
AND ALTHOUGH MOM'S OLD SCHOOL WAS CLOSER,
SAKURANOKAN'S UNIFORM WAS MUCH MORE TO MY LIKING.
THAT'S SO LIKE YOU, KOTOOKA!
BUT IT WAS THE RIGHT CHOICE
FOR YOU TO PICK SAKURANOKAN!

BECAUSE WE WERE ALL ABLE TO MEET!
...WHAT ARE YOU...
SAYING SOMETHING CORNY LIKE THAT FOR...?

Ding a ling a ling...
Yaaaay
THE BATH IS READY.
Ah!
BUT IF I THINK OF IT LIKE THAT, IT SUCKS THAT I ENDED UP MEETING THEM BECAUSE OF SUBARU'S SISTER COMPLEX...
...HUH?


I'LL PASS!
KOTO-OKA, WANT SOMETHING TO DRI...
WHO WAS THE FIRST ONE?
WE DECIDED WHO'D GO FIRST WITH ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS EARLIER, RIGHT?
Ah! I WAS!
I'LL GO JUMP IN RIGHT NOW!


BUT ANYWAY, CAN I BORROW THIS ROOM?
I'M GONNA CALL SAITOU-KUN
SINCE I HAVEN'T CALLED HIM BACK AT ALL TODAY!

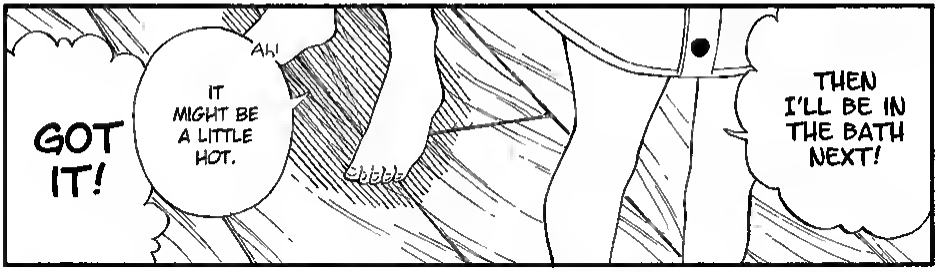
Shut
...SURE, GO AHEAD.
SLUMBER PARTIES... ARE SO MUCH FUN...
.....
...BECAUSE WE WERE ALL...
ABLE TO MEET...
.....
I LIKE BEING AROUND NADESHIKO WHEN IT'S THE THREE OF US...
...YEAH, LIKE ANY NORMAL GIRL...

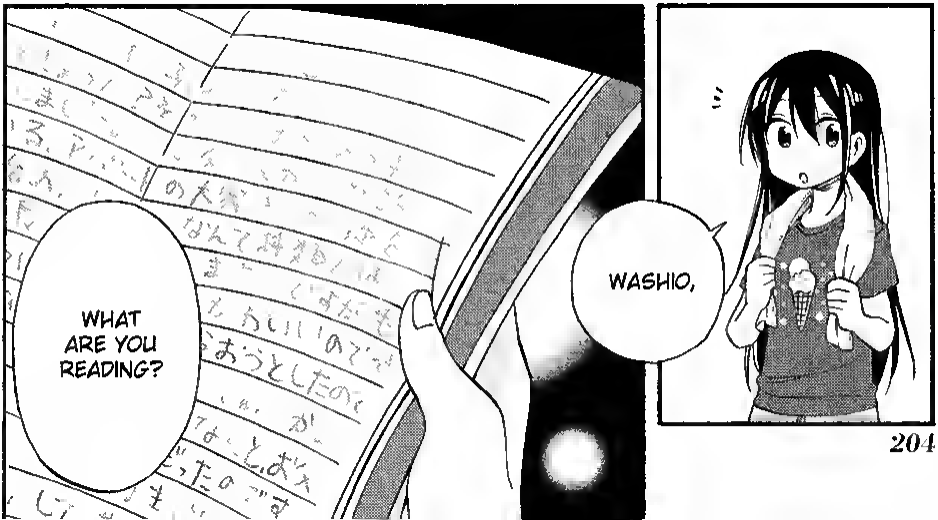
I...
TRULY FEEL THE SAME WAY...
I GET TO
START OVER FROM SQUARE ONE
WITH A "GROUP OF THREE", AFTER ALL...
WHEW!
THAT WAS SUCH A NICE BATH!

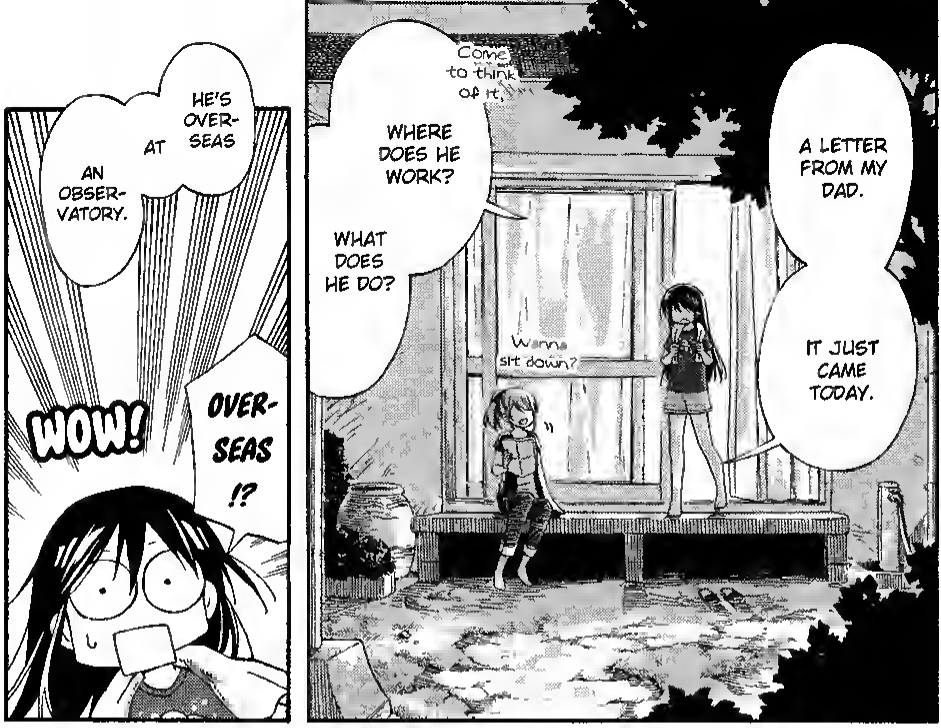
...SHE WENT TO THE ROOM OVER THERE TO CALL SAITOU-KUN.

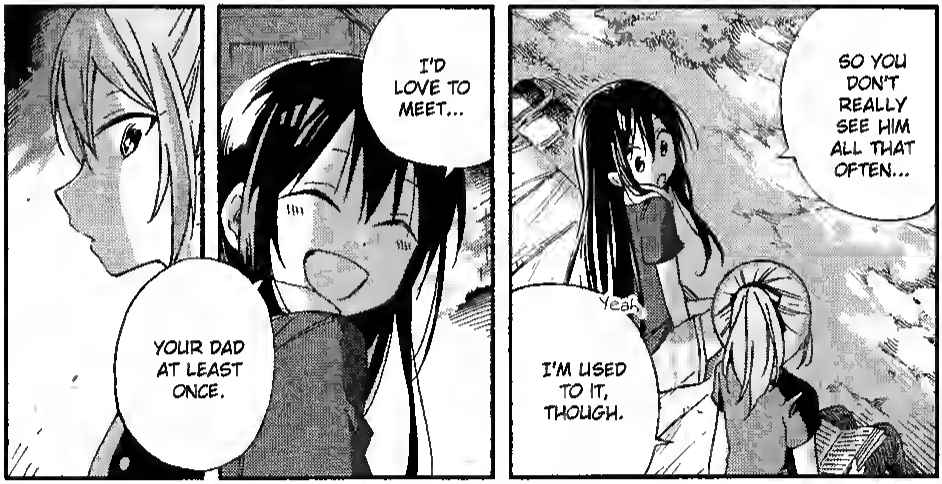
YOU'RE NEXT, KOTOOKA!
...HUH? WHERE IS SHE?

I SEE.
AH!
YOU'RE OUT, TSUKASA?

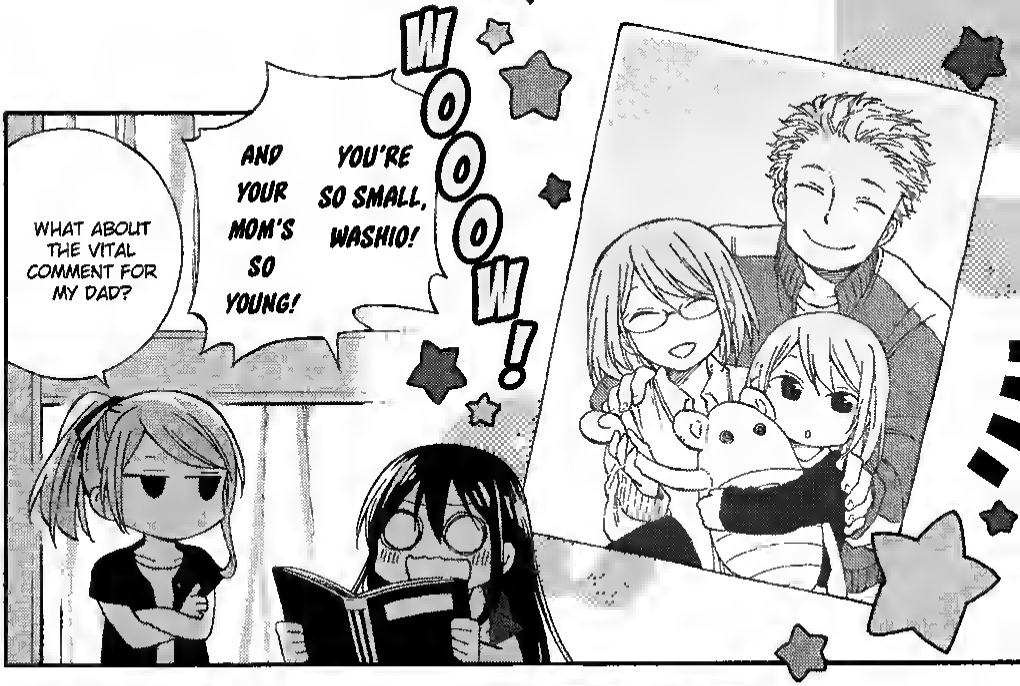

GOT IT!
AH!
IT MIGHT BE A LITTLE HOT.
Ohhh
THEN I'LL BE IN THE BATH NEXT!

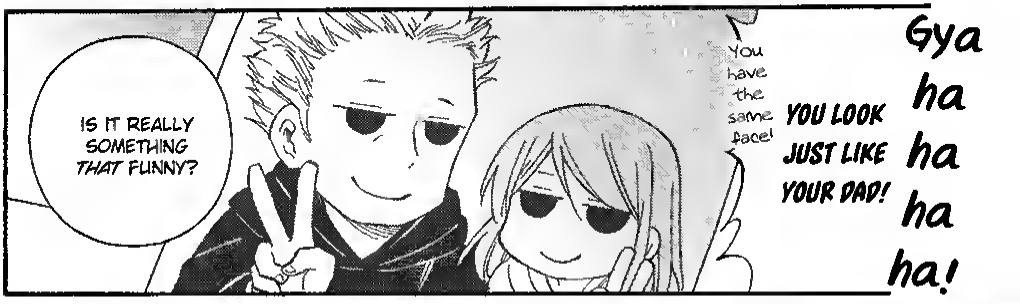

WHAT ARE YOU READING?
WASHIO,


A LETTER FROM MY DAD.
IT JUST CAME TODAY.
Come to think of it,
WHERE DOES HE WORK?
WHAT DOES HE DO?
Wanna sit down?
HE'S OVERSEAS
AT AN OBSERVATORY.
WOW!
OVERSEAS!?

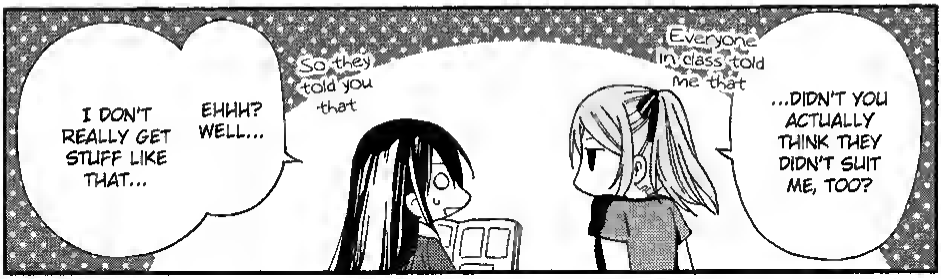

I'D LOVE TO MEET...
YOUR DAD AT LEAST ONCE.
SO YOU DON'T REALLY SEE HIM ALL THAT OFTEN...
Yeah.
I'M USED TO IT, THOUGH.

HUH?
WANNA SEE HIM?


WHAT ABOUT THE VITAL COMMENT FOR MY DAD?
AND YOUR MOM'S SO YOUNG!
YOU'RE SO SMALL, WASHIO!
WOOOW!


IS IT REALLY SOMETHING THAT FUNNY?
You have the same face!
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE YOUR DAD!
Gya ha ha ha ha!

...HM?
IT'S WASHIO FROM BEFORE I KNEW HER...
CONSTELLATION GUIDE

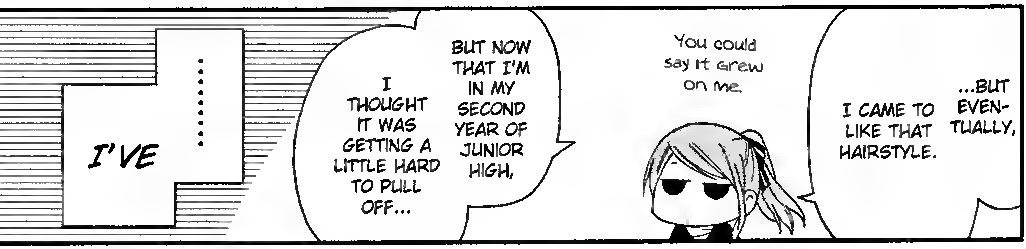

I DON'T REALLY GET STUFF LIKE THAT...
EHHH? WELL...
So they told you that
Everyone in class told me that
...DIDN'T YOU ACTUALLY THINK THEY DIDN'T SUIT ME, TOO?

REMEMBER WHEN I TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT GUY I ONCE LIKED?

YOU SAID HE WORE A SHIRT WITH TAKOYAKI ON IT...
YEAH, THAT'S HIM.
HE WAS TWO YEARS OLDER THAN ME,
SO HE ALWAYS TREATED ME LIKE I WAS HIS LITTLE SISTER.
ONE DAY ON TV...
CHANGE UP YOUR HAIRDO TO GET CLOSER TO THE GUY YOU LIKE!
I SAW THAT SORT OF A FEATURE,
SO I STARTED DOING THAT
BUT
NO MATTER WHAT HAIRSTYLE I WENT WITH,
HE NEVER REACTED TO IT.
BECAUSE
I WANTED HIM TO TAKE NOTICE OF ME

BUT...
WHEN I DID THE PIGTAILS...
IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE WAS THE TYPE THAT CARED ABOUT A GIRL CHANGING UP HER LOOK...
BUT WELL...
THAT'S
A TERRIBLE LOOK FOR YOU!
OH?
NADE-SHIKO!

YOU GOT A POINT THERE!!
...I'M FREE TO DO WHAT I WANT.
...I WAS SO HAPPY
THAT HE NOTICED.
THAT THERE WAS A POINT
IN DOING SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T SUIT ME?
ISN'T IT WEIRD


I'VE
.....
I THOUGHT IT WAS GETTING A LITTLE HARD TO PULL OFF...
BUT NOW THAT I'M IN MY SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH,
You could say it grew on me.
I CAME TO LIKE THAT HAIRSTYLE.
...BUT EVENTUALLY,

...BUT
LIKE THE PRINCE IN MY DREAMS ONE DAY.
AND EVEN IF SHE WERE TO BECOME
EVEN WHEN SHE WENT TO A PONYTAIL,
LOOKED COOL AND MATURE.
ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT WASHIO

BY THE WAY, WASHIO, WITH STUFF LIKE THAT,
WHEN SOMEONE SAYS YOU LOOK NICE,
YOU GET MUCH, MUCH HAPPIER.
RIGHT NOW, SHE LOOKS REALLY CUTE.
SO-RRY, THE TRUTH IS, I ONCE THOUGHT THAT IT DIDN'T SUIT YOU.
OH? NOW YOU'VE SAID IT.

THAT IS WHAT
YOU TAUGHT ME, WASHIO.
TSUKASA!

Gaaah!
AND BESIDES, I WARNED YOU BEFORE YOU GOT IN!!
BUT I LIKE IT HOT...
THERE'S ONLY SO HOT YOU CAN MAKE IT!
Gaaah!
EH HEH!
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I THOUGHT IT WAS GONNA SCALD ME!
HOW HIGH DID YOU SET THE BATH-WATER TEMPERA-TURE!?
AH, WEL-COME BA-

WHAT'S THIS PRETTY PLACE?
WHAT'S THAT? A PHOTO ALBUM?
?
WASHIO WAS SHOWING ME HER DAD.

Uyuni salt Flats
SALT FLATS IN BOLIVIA. DURING THE RAINY SEASON, THE GROUND BECOMES LIKE A MIRROR THAT REFLECTS THE SKY, PRODUCING A SPECTACULAR, SYMMETRICAL LANDSCAPE
THE UYUNI SALT FLATS.
I TOOK A TRIP THERE WITH MY FAMILY.
IT WAS REALLY BEAUTIFUL.
THE STARS SPREAD OUT BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW...
Woooow!
AH!
I'VE HEARD OF IT BEFORE!
IT'S A FAMOUS TOURIST SPOT, RIGHT?
IT'S ALSO CALLED THE SKY MIRROR
WOW...
I'D LOVE TO GO THERE.
I WANTED TO SHOW BOTH OF YOU, TOO.

THEN LET'S ALL
GO THERE TOGETHER
WHEN WE GROW UP!

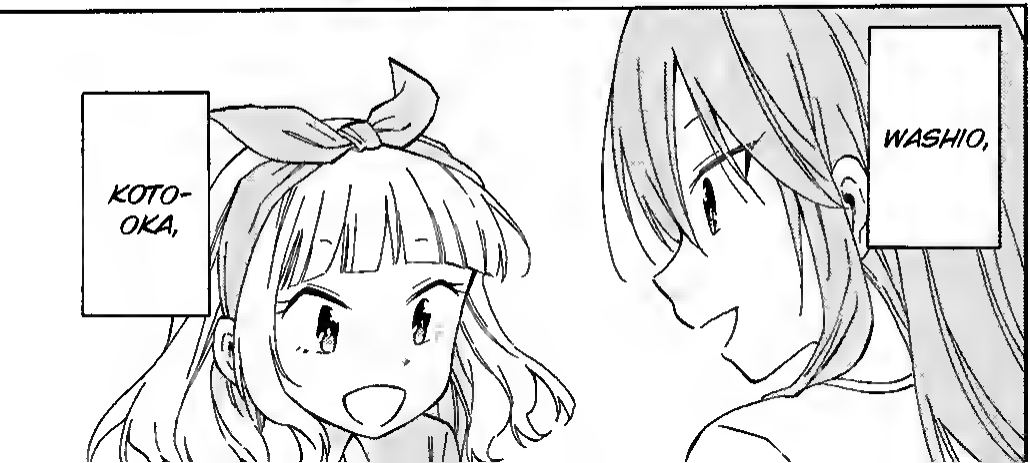
OKAY?
LET'S PROMISE!
...THAT NIGHT,
...ALL RIGHT.
Well
THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME!

WHILE CHATTING THE WHOLE TIME.
WE SPREAD OUT SOME SNACKS, AND LOOKED AT SITES FOR TRIPS OVERSEAS
...I WONDER WHY JUST DOING THAT
I wanna go to Iceland so I can see the aurora
AS IF IT WAS ROUTINE.
I wanna go to the southern islands for a vacation!
WE TALKED ABOUT THE FUTURE
I wanna go to Europe, too!

THIS MAKES ME HAPPY.

"THE FRIENDS YOU MAKE AS A STUDENT
LAST A LIFETIME."
REMINDED ME OF WHAT WASHIO'S MOM SAID.

AND I THOUGHT
JUST HOW WONDERFUL THAT WOULD BE.


WASHIO,
KOTO-OKA,

I WONDER
WHAT'LL HAPPEN WITH US...

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BUT STILL, THAT SLUMBER PARTY
FROM THE OTHER DAY WAS SO MUCH FUN!
YOU'RE BRINGING THAT UP AGAIN?
BUT IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!
YEAH, IF ONLY YOU DIDN'T TOSS AND TURN IN YOUR SLEEP...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
Subaru! You're cleaning the bathroom today.
Shut up
AND YOU WERE SLEEP TALKING...
Sorry about that

WELL, YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT WAS PRETTY FUN!
HEY, I DON'T HAVE SOCCER PRACTICE TODAY,
Since it's raining
SO LET'S STOP BY SOMEWHERE!
ALL RIGHT, WHERE TO?
THE DONUT SHOP LIKE ALWAYS?
ああああ!!

NANASHI NO ASTERISM 4 THE END

Afterword

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING UP "NANASHI NO ASTERISM" VOLUME 4! THIS VOLUME HAD ANOTHER BUNCH OF CHAPTERS THAT GOT A LOT OF FEEDBACK LIKE 15 AND 16. I'M ALWAYS SO THANKFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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